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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above referenced application in view of the enclosed amendments and remarks is requested. Claims 1, 4, 8, 15, 16, 30 and 31 have been amended. Claim 12 and 18 has been cancelled. Claims 1-2, 4, 8-9, 11, 15-16, and 30-33 remain in the application.

ARGUMENT

Claims 1-2, 4, 8-9, 11, 15-16, 18, and 30-33 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Maliszewski, et al. (US Patent No. 6,662,060)(hereinafter '060).

Independent claims 1, 8, and 15 have been amended to more particularly recite the present invention. As currently presented, these claims recite that secure content-based user experience enhancement in a player device for rendering digital content may be accomplished by accepting encrypted first fidelity digital content by a player application module in the player device; securely decrypting the encrypted first fidelity digital content by the player application module into decrypted first fidelity digital content; securely and audibly rendering, by the player application module, the decrypted first fidelity digital content for perception by the user; securely downsampling, by the player application module, the decrypted first fidelity digital content into downsampled digital content having a second fidelity, the second fidelity lower than the first fidelity; and displaying images by a visual enhancement plug-in software module based on the downsampled digital content having the second fidelity, in conjunction with the audible rendering of the decrypted first fidelity digital content by the player application module.

The '060 patent does not teach or suggest a visual enhancement plug-in module which operates only on downsampled digital content of a second, lower fidelity to display images related to the content while the player application module (decryption agent/renderer) audibly renders the first, higher fidelity digital content.

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The '060 patent discloses the use of title specific parameters for use in customizing the visual presentation of the content (see col. 3, line 55 to col. 4, line 56), but the usage of the title specific parameters is wholly within the security perimeter of the DVD access module (which is protected by tamper resistance techniques). In the '060 patent, a third party plug-in module cannot access the title specific parameters.

In contrast, in the present invention only the low value, low fidelity downsampled content is available outside the security perimeter of the decryption agent/renderer (as protected by tamper resistant software techniques) to be used by the third-party software plug-in (i.e., the visual enhancement module). High value, high fidelity content is only decrypted and rendered within the security perimeter of the decryption agent/renderer. Only the low value, low fidelity downsampled content may be used by the visual enhancement module (e.g., a plug-in module available from an untrusted third party). This concept is contained in the claims as presented.

Therefore, independent claims 1, 8, and 15 are allowable as presented. In addition, all claims dependent therefrom are also allowable.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Claims 1-2, 4, 8-9, 11, 15-16, 18, and 30-33 are all in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 264-8074. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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